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PLANNED BLOW UP  
NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS.

William Rath in Jail Charged with Preparing a Bomb to Destroy a Family.

Found by a Woman in a Woodpile, and She Came Near Putting It in the Kitchen Stove.

FILLED WITH POWDER READY FOR USE.

The Prisoner Had Threatened the Family, and Witnesses Say That They Saw Him Preparing the Bomb.

That Frank Hilsenbeck and the members of his family were not blown to atoms on Sunday last was due alone to the providential discovery of a bomb that had been placed among the kindling in the woodshed.

Hilsenbeck and his family reside at No. 25 Stagg street, Jersey City. Their next door neighbor is William Rath, a carpenter. According to their statements, Rath has often made threats against them, and yesterday he was arrested, and after an examination committed to jail upon a charge of placing the bomb in the woodshed for the purpose of blowing up the Hilsenbeck house. That the plan did not succeed was due to Mrs. Hilsenbeck. Shortly after 8 a. m. Sunday she visited the woodshed for some wood with which to start a fire. In picking up the wood she came across a stick that looked like the others, and placing it in her apron she carried it into the house.

As she dumped the wood out upon the kitchen floor that particular stick again attracted her notice.

It was covered with mud, and laying it aside she started the fire with the other pieces of wood. Then she again picked up the muddy piece of wood, and the end, which was cracked and split, she laid it down to scrape off the mud. As she did so she noticed a peculiar ring at one end.

"That's a dynamite bomb," she carefully advised Henry Krum, one of her boarders, who just then entered the kitchen and saw her with the thing in her hand.

Mrs. Hilsenbeck dropped the stick. Then Krum advised her to call the Third Precinct Station House, on Oakland avenue. She waited until her husband came down stairs, and then showed the stick to him.

"I think Krum is right," observed Mr. Hilsenbeck. Then he carried the stick to the station house.

It was about seven inches long and two inches square. At the station house Roundsman Jackson carefully placed it behind the door, drew away the sign, he was making, and warned every one to be careful.

Early yesterday morning the stick was carried upstairs to Justice Douglass. He examined it carefully and while doing so Mrs. Hilsenbeck entered the court room. She told him how the stick had been found, why it was thought to be a bomb, and then asked that a warrant be issued for the arrest of William Rath.

WILL RATH WAS SUSPECTED.

"He lives next door, Judge," she said, "and has often threatened our lives." Mrs. Hilsenbeck further said that in August last there was an explosion in her stove, which has caused her to be very careful in looking over the wood which she puts in the stove. She also stated that she has had considerable trouble with Rath, and on May 12 last had him arrested for breaking into her house and an outburst. She further said that Patrick Murphy, of No. 18 Elm street, had told her that he had seen Rath in his woodshed working over a piece of wood shaped like a saltpetre.

Justice Douglass, however, refused to entertain the complaint until the alleged bomb had been examined by the police. Hilsenbeck waited in his private office. Justice Douglass carried the stick downstairs. Then he told the jury that he had found a cylindrical piece of metal, pulleyed at one end.

"It's a bomb, sure enough," exclaimed Jackson. He laid the bomb carefully down and called Policeman John Maguire. The latter was formerly a coal miner, and knows all about explosives. He pried the stick with his knife and disclosed a peculiar looking cylinder of iron, at one end of which was a small quantity of gun wadding, and at the other end a small plug with a cotton wicking out of the side of the plug and leading to the interior of the cylinder. The cotton wadding was saturated with kerosene oil. The wadding was carefully taken out and a small quantity of powder fell from the cylinder. The plug was drawn and the cylinder was seen to be filled with powder. Maguire said that it was a better explosive than dynamite and was used in blasting. It is a non-explosive powder unless coming in contact with fire.

READY FOR DEADLY WORK.

The bomb was so arranged that when the wood got burning the oily cotton would ignite and convey the flames to the powder. The block of wood was made stronger by having a bundle of nails driven into it. The heads of the nails had been filed off, and the small holes covered by the nails being driven in were covered up with mud.

Justice Douglass, upon Maguire's report that the bomb was a dangerous one, had ever seen, issued a warrant for Rath's arrest. Detective Keenan found the stick at his house, and after a short search he charged. He is about fifty years old, short and stockily built. At one time he was a home carpenter and was in the habit of owning several houses and lived in the one at No. 25 Stagg street, where the Hilsenbeck family reside. He was arrested about a year ago for city taxes. It was purchased by a Mr. J. B. Van Wageningen of Tonnelle avenue for \$500. He said he could not tell who he had sold it to, but he said he had sold it to a man who had told him that it was a bomb. He said he had sold it to a man who had told him that it was a bomb.

EVIDENCE AGAINST THE SUSPECT.

When the case was called yesterday afternoon the bomb was shown. Then Mrs. Hilsenbeck made her statement.

Rath smiled scornfully, but his face blushed with terror as Detective Keenan took the stand and told how cotton wadding, powder, pieces of metal, etc., all of which corresponded with the materials used in the construction of the bomb, had been found in his woodshed.

Michael Murphy told of seeing him drilling the piece of wood in which the bomb was placed.

Then followed two female witnesses, who, through the chinks of his workshop, had seen him at work on the instrument of death.

His denial had no effect upon Justice Douglass. The case was under \$1,000 bail for trial," said the Justice.

Pale and tottering, Rath was led from the court room. Later, as he appeared to bail him out, he was taken to jail.

Elsabeth's Political State.

Elsabeth, N. J., June 29.—Indications point strongly to the nomination of Sheriff George Kite for State Senator by the Republicans and of ex-Senator F. C. Marsh by the Democrats in this district. Ex-Congressman John Keen is slated for United States Senator by the Republicans in place of Senator Smith, Democrat.

SHOPLIFTER GETS AWAY.

Sent to a Hospital Ill, She Gets Up in the Night and Flees, Clad Only in a Wrapper.

Newark, N. J., June 29.—Mary Glinder, one of a trio of shoplifters captured by the police on Saturday night, while in the act of stealing goods from the counters of Bamberger's store, on Market street, escaped from the City Hospital early this morning.

The woman on her tour of the shops was accompanied by another woman, named Catharine Snyder. The two went from counter to counter, one of them doing the stealing, and the other, who was supposed to be a nurse, carried off the goods.

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Early this morning a search was made for the missing woman. She had made good her escape, however, and no more saloon keepers caught in the police net yesterday while selling liquor were scurrying around early this morning for legal counsel, expecting to be arraigned in the police court this morning. It was decided by the authorities, however, to notify them that their cases would not come up until a week from next Thursday.

There is much talk of feeling on the part of the saloon men against the Mayor, as they say that now that he has been elected they will be allowed to do as they please. "I wish we had known this before election," said one prominent liquor dealer today, and he was echoed by several of the others.

The Mayor and other city officials were seized in a presentation by Mayor Grand Jury for allowing the saloons to sell liquor on Sundays, but recently the Mayor promulgated the ordinance that he would close the saloons, and this he did on Sunday.

BOLD TRAMPS AT WOMEN.

Threaten to Tear Down a House and Nuzzle Are in a State of Terror.

Nutley, N. J., June 29.—Tramps have become so daring in this place and near by towns of late that the female portion of the community is in a state of terror.

Yesterday three rough looking men called at the home of William Simpson, on Passaic avenue, and on being refused food, threatened to tear down the house.

The servant girl became alarmed at their fierce attitude and threats and ran through the house, locking the doors and windows.

One of the men thereupon broke a panel in the kitchen door with a stone. They then left.

Constable O'Brien and Officer Healey started in pursuit, but the tramps had good start and got away. The robberies of cellars and clothes lines which have been numerous for over a month, continue.

BOYS BETRAYED BY PEANUTS.

Indulged in Good Things Too Freely After Stealing \$7 in Pennies.

Elsabeth, N. J., June 29.—Elmore Greely and Edward McCullough, two young boys, were arrested on a Sunday morning, after having stolen a box of peanuts from a store on Broad street, to-day, and determined to have the bagful of pennies.

They entered the store, and while one charmed the girl in charge the other abstracted the coveted coin, \$7 in pennies. Their reckless expenditure of cent pieces for peanuts and candy attracted the attention of the police, and they are now in the county jail, awaiting trial for burglary. It is also said they stole \$3 out of the till of Beck's bakery.

SUTTON TRAGEDY INQUEST.

Reports of a Third Party in the Case Not Borne Out by Evidence.

Flemington, N. J., June 29.—The coroner's inquest into the Hampton Junction tragedy was held to-day. About forty witnesses had been subpoenaed to testify in the case, but before half that number was heard the evidence showed that Mrs. Rebecca Sutton killed her husband, Edwin Reed, with a hammer blow.

The inquest was held at the residence of the deceased. The inquiry was then concluded.

There were many reports of a third party being present, but the proceedings failed to show such. It was shown that Mrs. Sutton went to Beattystown and brought back a hammer, and that she was seen to use it on the body of her husband. But nothing was brought out indicating any possible reason why Mrs. Sutton wished to kill her husband.

MAY DIE OF A DOG'S BITE.

Child Severely Bitten by a Savage Canine, Which Is Shot.

Elsabeth, N. J., June 29.—A four-year-old daughter of John Gilson, of East Scott place, was severely bitten by a savage dog to-day.

The animal fastened its teeth in the child's abdomen, inflicting a deep and painful wound. The dog was shot and killed.

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Pennies on a Battlefield.

Bound Brook, N. J., June 29.—While transplanting a cabbage in his garden on Prospect place, a day or two ago, William W. Prout, of 144 K Street, was bitten by a dog.

The dog was shot and killed.

Paterson Silk Mill Burned.

Paterson, N. J., June 29.—The silk mill of Joseph Todd, on Van Houten street, was consumed by fire at midnight, entailing a loss of \$50,000, which was fully insured. The two top floors of the mill were occupied by the Reliance and Logan silk firms, and the ground floor by Joseph Todd, machinist. Only the two top floors were burned. The remainder of the building was saved.

Boys Lost at a Picnic.

South Beach, S. I., June 29.—A picnic party composed of members of Father Meyer's church, on West Thirtieth street, was held to-day.

The excursionists had returned to the city the police found two boys who had been missing since they left the picnic place to-day. The boys were found by the police on the beach.

Residence in Railway Burned.

Rahway, N. J., June 29.—The residence of Frank Gladek, situated in Bartolioli Park, South avenue, this city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. A defective fuse caused the fire. The loss, \$2,000, was covered by insurance.

JEALOUS WIFE GETS SWEET REVENGE.

Hunts Down a Woman and Her Husband and Thrashes Them in the Street.

She Pulls Hair Out of Her Rival's Head, and Her Male Companion Attacks Her Husband.

USES A CLUB ON THE BAD MAN.

Wife Had Long Been Hunting for the Pair and Was About to Give Up the Search When She Had Success.

Paterson, N. J., June 29.—A wife's jealousy was responsible for a sound thrashing administered to William Van Horn and a young woman on Main avenue, Passaic City, late last night.

Van Horn is senior member of the silk manufacturing firm of Van Horn & Mills, doing business in the Gun Mill, in this city. Some weeks ago Mrs. Van Horn learned that her husband frequently spent his evenings with Miss Mary Wren, a comely young woman employed by him. Assisted by relatives, she had been endeavoring to locate the couple, but she was completely baffled in her attempts until last night. It was said that the two met frequently outside the city when the wife was searching for them here.

Last evening the two met in Passaic City, having gone there by different routes, but Mrs. Van Horn, ever watchful, learned of their designs and, accompanied by Abram Tichelman to second her in any contest that might arise, she went to Passaic City, where they searched in vain for the couple.

The young woman and her husband were seen to return at 11 o'clock, when they suddenly turned into Main avenue and came face to face with Van Horn and Miss Watson, snatching along arm in arm.

"I've got you at last!" cried Mrs. Van Horn, as she swooped down on her rival. Miss Watson screamed and tried to escape, but it was too late. The indignant wife was already in the frantic effort to tear out her hair. She scratched and tore at the young woman, and injured her severely before she was restrained.

Van Horn went to Miss Watson's assistance and raised his umbrella to strike his wife, but the blow was never delivered. It was anticipated and prevented by a stiff right-hand blow from the fist of Abram Tichelman. When Van Horn regained his feet he charged on Tichelman, but a big club that the latter carried gave him a great advantage, and when Van Horn gave the light he was badly battered and covered with mud.

Tichelman was arrested, while Van Horn was already in the hands of the police. Justice Barker, in Passaic City to-day, readily furnished bail for his appearance (which Van Horn refused to give) and will immediately institute divorce proceedings. Van Horn claims that he is also seeking divorce.

ROBBERS HOLD UP A WOMAN.

She Fights Desperately, and They Flee at the Approach of Two Wheelmen.

Orange, N. J., June 29.—Miss Virginia Bentley, a pretty young woman, who was as a servant in the family of Mr. Severel, on Springdale avenue, while returning from church last night at 9 o'clock, was attacked by three highwaymen within a quarter of a mile of her home.

The spot where she was held up is a secluded one. The men jumped out from behind some bushes and seized her. One of the men grabbed her hands while the other tried to cram his soft hat into her mouth to stifle her cries.

The young woman fought desperately and succeeded in calling loudly enough to alarm the neighborhood. At the sight of the approaching lamps of the bicyclists the three men released their intended victim and fled.

Miss Bentley ran to the Orange Police Station and excitedly told the facts to Marshal McChesney. Her clothes were wet and torn and a painful bruise on her arm was broken in two places from the use she made of it in protecting herself.

As the attack occurred in Orange the woman was sent to the East Orange Police Court. There she repeated her story. Miss Bentley said that she was employed as a bookkeeper who sold berries to her employer. The police expect to make some arrests soon.

FATHER MEYER FORGAVE HIM.

Refused to Prosecute the Church Organist Who Had Struck Him.

Bayonne, N. J., June 29.—The Rev. Father George F. Meyer, of St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church, did not appear to-day against Professor William Boggs, whom he had arrested on a charge of assault and battery on Saturday. He sent a letter to Recorder Connolly stating that he had no desire to prosecute Boggs, and requesting a discharge of the charge.

The trouble between Boggs and Father Meyer occurred at the parochial residence on Friday night. Boggs, the organist of the church, returned that evening from business in New York in a merry mood, and was seized by Father Meyer, who he began a rehearsal on his own organ.

Meanwhile Mrs. Boggs had called on her husband for the purpose of having him give her a lecture for his conduct. Boggs learned of his wife's presence in the rectory and went there. He interrupted the conversation between Mrs. Boggs and the priest, and he said, with disrespectful language, "Father Meyer, I have come from New York and a scuffle ensued in which the father received a slight abrasion under his eye."

Boggs denies that he struck the priest, but feels much cut up over the affair.

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ELOPERS DESERT ALL.

He Leaves a Wife and Family and She an Honored Husband—He Is Over Sixty.

Lambertville, N. J., June 29.—William Hoff, of Sand Ridge, aged about sixty-two years, on Saturday night eloped with Mrs. Penbrook Hoff, aged about forty-five years, of Brookville, just above this city. The two had been neighbors for fifteen years. Hoff leaves behind him an estimable wife and two children, one of whom is a promising wheel manufacturer, lives in Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Hoff deserted an honored husband and a son about fifteen years old.

For the past fifteen years Hoff has been a frequent caller at the Hoff home, but Mrs. Hoff would never believe any man who related between his wife and Hoff, until he discovered a note which would convince him that the two were lovers.

Upon one occasion Hoff came home, and finding the notes was very angry. He refused to go, and, seating himself beside Hoff's wife, remained until she was asleep.

Hoff always condoned his wife's offenses upon her promise to do better. About a week ago Hoff left her home, telling her that he was going away on a visit and would return in about a week.

He was, however, never seen again. In answer to her husband's question as to where she had been, she replied that she had spent the night with a friend.

A quarrel ensued, and Hoff left the house and went to work. Mrs. Hoff then packed her trunk and went to Trenton, where it is said she now resides with Hoff. Mrs. Hoff has received word to that effect.

FATHER FLEMING'S JUBILEE.

Impressive Church Service and Banquet Attended by Many Dignitaries.

Orange, N. J., June 29.—The silver jubilee of the Rev. Father Hugh P. Fleming, of St. John's Church, this city, which took place to-day at that church, will long be remembered as a notable event by the friends of the popular priest.

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 10:30 a. m. in the presence of 1,000 people. The Rev. Father Fleming was the principal celebrant. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon of the Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop Wilgus, Bishop of Newark, Monsignor McGee, Dean McNulty, of Paterson; the Rev. John O'Connor, Vicar-General of Newark; and the Rev. Father Fleming.

The church was crowded to the doors. The Rev. Father Fleming presided at the altar. The Rev. Father Fleming presided at the altar. The Rev. Father Fleming presided at the altar.

WHEELMAN STRUCK A WAGON.

Was Riding Fast and Is Now in the Hospital Badly Injured.

Morrisstown, N. J., June 29.—Morris Apper, 18, of the Morrisstown Hospital in a precarious condition, the result of injuries received while bicycle riding late on Saturday night.

Apper resides in Madison and he collided with a wagon while going at a high rate of speed between Madison and Chatham. He was thrown from his bicycle and when he was picked up was unconscious. He was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he had a deep cut in the neck. His head was badly injured, one wheel of his bicycle was broken and the handlebars were bent. The doctors, however, believe he will recover.

ATHLETE'S GRIP WAS POOR.

Let a Hammer Slip Too Soon and It Fractured a Spectorator's Skull.

Paterson, N. J., June 29.—John Battel, twenty years old, a boy who was watching yesterday the games of amateur athletes in a field a short distance from his home on Twelfth avenue, and a hammer-throwing contest was in progress.

The young man who was swinging the hammer relaxed his grip a moment and the hammer slipped from his hands and struck a spectator in the head. The man was killed.

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BOY VICTIM OF A REVOLVER.

Accidentally Shot by a Companion, and Dies in the Hospital.

Paterson, N. J., June 29.—Charles Davidson, the eleven-year-old boy who was shot last evening by his cousin, John Cairns, died in the General Hospital early this morning.

Young Cairns had spent the day at the home of Davidson's father, who is a silk weaver, residing at No. 108 Martin street. The latter was present when Davidson, a boy, tried to take the revolver from the older boy, and the latter, in the excitement, fired the revolver.

The bullet entered Davidson's skull over the left temple. Cairns was not held. He was released.

Wife Repented and Forgave.

Bound Brook, N. J., June 29.—One day last week, Mrs. A. A. Lytt, of East Brunswick, was before Justice McDonnell, charging that her husband, John Lytt, had committed adultery with a woman named Mary, and had been guilty of a crime.

The wife, however, repented and forgave her husband. She withdrew her charge.

Electric Wire Fires Two Trees.

Bloomfield, N. J., June 29.—People passing along Broad street, near the Park, last night were treated to the sight of a small fire. The fire was caused by a wire from the electric light system which had become loose and had fallen on a tree.

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This Bell Will Take a Rest.

Bloomfield, N. J., June 29.—The ringing of the bell at 9 o'clock last night, and by which the public is notified that the city hall is open, was stopped for the night. The bell was broken.

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Scorching Injures a Pelestrian.

Freshtown, N. J., June 29.—Harry Green, of Freshtown, Hudson County, while walking along the public road near his home Saturday night, was severely cut and bruised by being run down by a wheelman. The wheelman, who was driving a fast machine, did not stop.

Rescued a Boy from Drowning.

Passaic, N. J., June 29.—Morris Castelle, thirteen years old, rescued Isaac Van Piere, nine years old, from drowning in the Dun-dee Canal yesterday afternoon. The smaller boy accidentally fell into the canal. He was rescued by the older boy.

GIRL OF FOURTEEN SAID TO HAVE ELOPED.

Disappears Simultaneously with Her Youthful Cousin, and Cannot Be Found.

Packs His Trunk and Some of Her Clothing Is Secreted in It and Sent Away.

Her Mother Discourages the Young Man's Attentions, but His Disavowals Throw Her Off Her Guard.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 29.—Maggie, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strine, of Handy street, is missing, and it is supposed that she has eloped with a young man, Frank Witt, a nephew of Mrs. Strine, and with whom she was desperately in love. Witt is a few years older than the girl, who is very innocent of the ways of the world.

Frank and Maggie are first cousins, and, according to the laws of the Catholic Church, could not legally enter the matrimonial state. Nothing, that the parents seemed very fond of one another. Mrs. Strine more than once told the young man that he ought to seek company elsewhere, for whatever his feelings might be toward his cousin, he could not marry her with the Church's sanction.

Witt's reply was that he did not care for the company of other girls, and knew perfectly well that he could not marry Maggie, nor did he intend to. Mrs. Strine was thus thrown off her guard, as the young man talked sensibly about his cousin.

He had come to board with Mrs. Strine some months before, because of a disagreement with his father, and Mrs. Strine took him in temporarily. Then he insisted on remaining.

About four weeks ago, Witt went to Philadelphia, leaving his position in the United States Rubber factory to work on a steamship. Maggie kept right on with her school, and the father, who is a foreman, Miss Lizzie Parent, notified one day that she received a letter from Louis Island City.

Miss Parent noticed that the contents of the letter seemed to excite Maggie, but the girl gave no hint of what it contained. On Friday last, Witt called at the factory to see Maggie. It was remarked that he seemed very attentive for a first cousin.

Miss Strine arrived home Friday evening and seemed as jolly as ever. She prepared to take a little excursion on Saturday, and the family thought nothing of this. Witt also appeared at the house on Friday evening, and going to Mrs. Strine told her that he had decided to move his trunk to Philadelphia.

So the young man packed his trunk, and Miss Strine helped him as he did so. Her daughter, who was very fond of him, packed a new suit of Maggie's, consisting of a black skirt and green and red plaid shirt waist, and a new hat.

On Saturday, Miss Strine, arrayed in a new dress, left, ostensibly to go on the excursion. She was seen at the George street depot by Thomas Ware, the barber, and when the next train left for New York she was on it. Mr. Ware is positive that he saw her.

Miss Strine is a remarkably pretty girl, with light hair and clear complexion and fine blue eyes. While she is just a few months over fourteen, she appears to be at least twenty, and weighs 125 pounds. Maggie, or Mary, as she was often called, was very popular, and while a great many noticed the attachment between the cousins, no one thought they would ever elope. About a year ago, Miss Strine was confined at St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Strine said to-day that she would not take Witt back if he returned. She had not the slightest idea of where the young couple were, and she knew Witt gave him a very good reputation.

SAFE BLOWERS GOT LITTLE.

Wreck an Office and Two Strong Boxes Less Than \$5.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 29.—A bold attempt at safebreaking was made at the office of George Krause, proprietor of the New Brunswick Coal and Ice Company, at an early hour this morning. A rich haul would have been made had not Mr. Krause removed nearly all of the contents of his safes to his home last night. As it was, the rascals only pocketed only \$4 or \$5 in change which had been left in the office.

The office broken into is on Commercial avenue, and is some distance from any other building. The safe was a heavy one, and was broken open by the use of dynamite.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEMENT.

Expenses Slightly Increased and a Proportionate Decrease of Earnings.

Philadelphia, June 29.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's statement of comparative earnings and expenses for the month of May and five months of 1905 with the same periods of 1904, issued to-day, is as follows:

Gross earnings, month of May, increase, \$1,381,300; five months, increase, \$1,381,300. Expenses, month of May, decrease, \$1,381,300; five months, decrease, \$1,381,300. Net earnings, month of May, increase, \$1,381,300; five months, increase, \$1,381,300.

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